Prices of Neosporine Range Formulations

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Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what were the prices of Neosporin range of formulations before August, 1987 and what are their prices on 31st March, 1989;

(b) whether it is a fact that the company sold these formulations either without price approval or at higher prices than Government fixed prices;

(c) if so, what is the information available with the monitoring cell of his department and what action was taken;

(d) whether it is also a fact that imports of each of Polymixin B Sulphate, Neogesterol, Triprolidine Hcl., Thioridazine and Glipizide have always been more than rupees fifty lacs per year a criteria set by Kelkar Committee; and

(e) what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (c) The required details to the extent available are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) As per the available information the company sold all these formulation packs except Neosporine Skin Ointment 20 gm. a new introduction, at prices approved under DPCO, 1970 till the commencement of DPCO, 1987. Under DPCO, 1987, four formulation packs fall under Non-Scheduled Category and the company have revised the prices under DPCO, 1987. The company however reduced the prices of two formulation packs namely Neosporine powder 10gm and Neosporine Eye Drops 10ml. after Government's intervention. In respect of the two scheduled formulation packs namely Neosporin-H Ointment 5gm. and Neosporin-H Ear Drops 5ml, the company made a representation against the prices fixed under DPCO, 1987 and continued its prerevised prices. The representation of the company is under examination.

(d) and (e) The recommendations of the Kelkar Committee on exclusion/inclusion of bulk drugs in relation to turnover are yet to be examined by the Government and final decision taken.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Formulations	Pack Size	Prices before August, 1987	Prices as on 31-3-89	Government fixed prices under DPCO 1987
		Rs.	(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)
1	Neosporin— Ointment . .	5 gm	3·29	4·99	Non-Scheduled
2	Neosporin— H Ointment .	5 gm	5·85	5·97	4.70
3	Neosporin powder . . .	10 gm	5·00	9·98*	Non-Scheduled
4	Neosporin Eye Drops . .	10 ml	4·98	9·20**	Non-Scheduled
5	Neosporin-H Ear Drops . .	5 ml	6·92	7·07	6·74
6	Neosporin Skin Ointment .	20 gm	New pack	15·92	Non-Scheduled

* Due to Government's intervention price reduced from Rs. 10.71 to Rs. 9·51.

** Due to Government's intervention price reduced from Rs. 10.09 to Rs. 9·20.